



Federal Juvenile Court System

- The juvenile can waive his or her rights to be treated as a juvenile
- The juvenile can have the matter treated as a civil proceeding called “juvenile adjudication”

State Juvenile Court System: Five Basic Principles

- The state is the “ultimate parent”
- Children are worth saving and the state should utilize non-punitive measures to do so
- Children should be nurtured and not stigmatized by the court process
- Each child is different
- The use of non-criminal sanctions are needed to give primary consideration to the needs of the child.

Juvenile Court: Jurisdiction Over Three Types of Minors

- Delinquents
- Status offenders
- Dependent children